will be covered with computerized reservation facility in coming years depending upon availability of funds. A list of stations sanctioned with computerized reservation facilities in the financial year 2002-03 is given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix 197, Annexure No. 24]

Penalty for crimes against wild animals

†*357. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions in force to impose penalty for crimes against wild animals;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to increase the amount of penalty adequatley, under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for such crimes, in order to deter the offenders;

(c) whether some State Governments have also proposed to increase the amount of penalty for such crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Penalties for crime against wildlife are imposed as per provisions of Section 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(b) to (d) The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2002 which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 2002 seeks to enhance the amount of fine and extent of imprisonment. The said Bill has been made after consultation with the State Governments.

Lakes in Bangalore

*358. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought Rs. 250 crore Central assistance to conserve and develop the lakes, in and around Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.